Construction of over-bridge at Charutak in Chhindwara

†2748. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of rail over bridge has been sanctioned at railway crossing at Charutak in Chhindwara city;

(b) whether the same was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Railways then in the preceding years and if so, when and by whom it was done;

(c) if so, by when the completion of this work has been targeted, alongwith the present progress thereof; and

(d) whether more or additional funds would be allocated in order to expedite its work in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sakri-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali rail line

†2749. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway section located between Sakri-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali under the East Central Railway, Hajipur, is completely damaged due to rain and flood every year resulting the complete stoppage of trains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no proposal for removal of complicated problems as mentioned above technically and physically in the proposal for gauge-conversion for the above, rail section in the financial year 2007-08; and

(c) if not, the details thereof and the approach of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. It is true that with continuous heavy rainfall in the catchment area of Kamala Balan river, the rail line between Nirmali and Ghoghardiha stations of Sakri-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali section got inundated resulting in disruption of rail traffic for a few days.

(b) and (c) This section is already sactioned for Gauge Conversion. The problem of frequent breaches and washouts between Sakri-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali would be suitably taken care of during the Gauge Conversion of this section.

Maintenance of land records

2750. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry does not maintain proper and accurate land records and the purpose for which the land is to be used;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how does his Ministry propose to utilize their land lying vacant in the best interest of all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Till such time Railway does not need vacant land for operations, such Railway land may be utilized for short term uses like commercial licensing, plantation, Grow More Food scheme and commercial development etc.

Attachment of additional AC coach to Express trains in Andhra Pradesh

2751. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any additional AC coach on a regular basis is being attached to all express trains in South Central Railways in Andhra Pradesh from 2nd October, 2007;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railways have assured additional accommodation in all Express trains which originate in Andhra Pradesh and ply only in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the steps proposed to introduce an eight bogie/Coach between Secunderabad-Rajahmundry; and

(d) the reasons for not meeting traffic demand on Secunderabad-Rajahmundry sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) All important and well patronized trains are provided with AC coaches on regular basis to facilitate travel of upper class passengers. In addition, extra coaches are also attached to clear seasonal rush. Provision of coaches in trains is an ongoing process keeping in view the traffic pattern/patronisation, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

(c) and (d) There are 11 pairs of trains running between Rajahmundry and Secunderabad which are considered adequate to the present traffic demand. At present there is no proposal to run any new train between Secunderabad and Rajahmundry.

Guna-Etawah rail line

†2752. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has sanctioned railway line between Guna and Etawah over many years but this plan is not completed till now, and if so, by when it is likely to be completed;

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